

WOUNDED WARRIOR ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a structured rule. The rule provides one hour and twenty minutes of general debate on H.R. 1538, Wounded Warrior Assistance Act of 2007, with one hour equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Armed Services and twenty minutes equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Armed Services shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report except for those arising under clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Skelton and Representatives Sestak, Welch of Vermont, Lowey, Stupak, Kennedy, Pascrell, Hunter, Kline of Minnesota, Moran of Kansas, Bilirakis, Shays, Weller of Illinois and Pearce.

CRUISE SHIP CRIMES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Crimes Against Americans on Cruise Ships. Testimony was heard from Salvador Hernandez, Deputy Assistant Director, FBI, Department of Justice; RADM Wayne Justice, USCG, Assistant Commandant for Response, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL FUEL TAX/HIGHWAY TRUST FUND

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing on the Structure of the Federal Fuel Tax and the Long-Term Viability of the Highways Trust Fund.

Testimony was heard from David B. Marron, Deputy Director, CBO; and public witnesses.

MENTAL HEALTH/SUBSTANCE ABUSE PARITY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Mental Health and Substance Abuse Parity. Testimony was heard from Representatives Kennedy and Ramstad; and public witnesses.

DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE INTEGRATION

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session held a hearing on Integration of Domestic Intelligence. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of Labor, 9:45 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the United States Agency for International Development and foreign assistance programs, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the United States Navy, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for United States Forest Service, 2 p.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of the Treasury, 3 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine the Strategic Forces Program in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2008 and the future years Defense Program, with the possibility of a closed session in SR-222 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine active component, reserve component, and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2008 and the future years Defense Program, 3:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine the future of the Coast Guard Dive Program, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Space, Aeronautics, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine transitioning to a next generation Human Space Flight System, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine reducing government building operational costs through innovation and efficiency, focusing on legislative solutions, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine risks and reform, focusing on the role of currency in the U.S.-China relationship, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider S. 193, to increase cooperation on energy issues between the United States Government and foreign governments and entities in order to secure the strategic and economic interests of the United States, S. 613, to enhance the overseas stabilization and reconstruction capabilities of the United States Government, H.R. 1003, to amend the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 to reauthorize the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy, S. Res. 30, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the need for the United States to address global climate change through the negotiation of fair and effective international commitments, S. Res. 65, condemning the murder of Turkish-Armenian journalist and human rights advocate Hrant Dink and urging the people of Turkey to honor his legacy of tolerance, S. Res. 76, calling on the United States Government and the international community to promptly develop, fund, and implement a comprehensive regional strategy in Africa to protect civilians, facilitate humanitarian operations, contain and reduce violence, and contribute to conditions for sustainable peace in eastern Chad, and Central African Republic, and Darfur, Sudan, and the nominations of Paul J. Bonicelli, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, Curtis S. Chin, of New York, to be United States Director of the Asian Development Bank, with the rank of Ambassador, Eli Whitney Debevoise II, of Maryland, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Sam Fox, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to Belgium, Zalmay Khalilzad, of Maryland, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations, Margrethe Lundsager, of Virginia, to be United States Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund, Katherine Almquist, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, Douglas Menarchik, of Texas, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development. (Reappointment), Ford M. Fraker, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and a promotion list in the Foreign Service, 11:45 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine No Child Left Behind Reauthorization, focusing on effective strategies for engaging parents and communities in schools, 3 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on Rules and Administration: business meeting to consider S. 223, to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form, 10 a.m., SR-301.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine affordable drug coverage that works for Wisconsin, focusing on preserving senior care, 10:30 a.m., SD-562.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to review proposals to amend the program crop provisions of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, 10 a.m., 1302 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Rural Development, 2:30 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, on Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on Department of Energy: Nuclear Energy/Office of Civilian Nuclear Waste/Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, on Secretary of the Treasury, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Ensuring that the Department of Homeland Security's Research and Technology Investments Pay Off, 10 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, on U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service/Department of Interior: Office of Insular Affairs/Departmental Management/Office of the Solicitor, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on public witnesses, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Army Budget, 10:30 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, on Latin America and Caribbean, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies, on Federal Railroad Administration/National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK), 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on the Military Commissions Act and the continued use of Guantanamo Bay as a detention facility, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on outside perspectives on transitioning security to the Iraqi security forces, 1:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Authorization Budget Request on information technology, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, hearing on Protecting the Health and Safety of America's Mine Workers, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "Status of the Digital Television Transition," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to mark up the following: H.R. 1515, to amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to treat certain communities as metropolitan cities for purposes of the community development block grant program; H.R. 1427, Federal Housing Finance Reform Act of 2007; H.R. 1675, Preservation Approval Process Improvement Act of 2007; and H.R. 1676, Native American Home Ownership Opportunity Act of 2007 and to continue markup of H.R. 1257, Shareholder Vote on Executive Compensation Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Europe, hearing on Opening up of the Bad Arolsen Holocaust Archives in Germany, 1:30 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight and the Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health, joint hearing on African Opinion on U.S. Policies, Values and People, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade, hearing on Trade, Foreign Policy and the American Worker, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on Poverty and Inequality in the Americas: The Unaddressed Problem, 3 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, to mark up H.R. 1684, Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1593, Second Chance Act of 2007; and H.R. 1281, Deceptive Practices and Voter Intimidation Prevention Act of 2007, 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, oversight hearing on Royalties at Risk?, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, hearing on Allegations of Misconduct at the General Services Administration, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 362, 10,000 Teachers, 10 Million Minds, Science and Math Scholarship Act; H. Con. Res. 76, Honoring the 50th Anniversary of the International Geophysical Year (IGY) and its past contributions to space research, and looking forward to future accomplishments; and H. Res. 252, Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of John Herschel Glenn, Jr.'s, historic achievement in becoming the first United States astronaut to orbit the Earth, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing on Shaping the Message, Distorting the Science: Media Strategies to Influence Science Policy, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Regulation, Health Care and Trade, hearing entitled "The Value of Health IT to Solo and Small Medical Practices," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on the FAA's Airport Improvement Program, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Mental Health Services, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, to mark up the Taxpayer Protection Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, hearing on National Security Letters, 9 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the current economic outlook, 10:30 a.m., SH-216.